

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered this Application in connection with the Examiner's Action, and respectfully request reconsideration of this Application in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks.

Applicants have cancelled Claims 2 – 5, 7 – 10, 15 – 16, 19, 24, 28 – 30, 32 – 34, 36 – 39, 44 – 45, 47, 50, and 53 – 55.

Pending in this Application are Claims 1, 6, 11 – 14, 17 – 18, 20 – 23, 25 – 27, 31, 35, 40 – 43, 46, 48 – 49, and 51 – 52.

I. Amendments to Claims

Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 31 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to exclude "menthol" from the list of alkenes. Menthol is now listed in addition to the alkenes. Applicants have also amended Claims 1 and 31 to clarify that the weight percentage is the weight percentage of the peroxidic species or reaction products resulting from oxidation of menthol or the alkene.

Applicants have cancelled Claims 10 and 39.

Applicants have amended Claims 11 and 40 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion to use the term "contains" rather than "comprises."

Applicants have amended Claims 12 and 41 to clarify that the mixture of ozone and oxygen comprises predominantly ozone.

Applicants have amended Claims 17, 20, and 21 to clarify that "an energy" or "the energy" is "an energy source" or "the energy source." Support for this amendment can be found at Page 11, lines 18 – 21 and Page 12, lines 7 – 9, where activation of the dye through various energy sources is discussed.

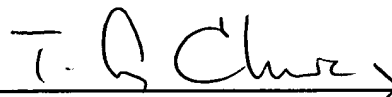
Applicants have amended Claim 27 to clarify that when the electron donor is an electrical current, the electrical current is applied after the contents of the first and second containers are mixed.

II. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that, in light of the foregoing Amendment and remarks, Claims 1, 6, 11 – 14, 17 – 18, 20 – 23, 25 – 27, 31, 35, 40 – 43, 46, 48 – 49, and 51 – 52 are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore requested.

If the Examiner has any other matters which pertain to this Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve these matters by Examiner's Amendment where possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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